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SUBJECT: NIGERIA MAKES DONATION TO DROUGHT-STRIKEN COUNTRIES

REF: LAGOS 6199 (NOTAL)

1. FMG ANNOUNCED AUGUST 2 THAT IT CONTRIBUTING 2.5 MILLION AIRA (APPROX. 3.75 MILLION DOLLARS) TO SIX DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN WEST AFRICA. CONTRIBUTION IS BEING MADE IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL APPEALS MADE BY AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED COUNTRIES.

2. A DELEGATION HEADED BY BRIGADIER MUSA USMAN, GOVERNOR OF NORTHEASTERN STATE, LEFT AUGUST 1 FOR MAURITANIN, SENEGAL, MALI AND CHAD TO HAND OVER THESE COUNTRIES' SHARE OF NIGERIAN DONATION AS WELL AS NOTE FROM GOWON TO LEADERS OF COUNTRIES CONCERNED. ANOTHER DELEGATION, HEADED BY USMAN FARUK, GOVERNOR OF NORTHWESTERN STATE, LEAVES AUGUST 6 FOR NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA TO PERFORM SAME TASK.

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3. COMMENT: DESPITE NIGERIAN DROUGHT PROBLEM (REFTEL),
WHICH FMG APPEARS DETERMINED TO TAKE CARE OF ON ITS OWN,
GOVERNMENT SEEMS ALSO PREPARED TO SHOW WORLD AND AFRICA
THAT IT CAN NOT ONLY GO IT ALONE BUT CAN PROVIDE SOME AS-
SISTANCE TO ITS SISTER COUNTRIES. MOVE IS FURTHER INDI-
CATION OF LEADERSHIP ROLE NIGERIA STEADILY ASSUMING SINCE
GOWON TOOK OFFICE AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU.
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